

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Rule 53(b) Divisional Application of:

Yoichi OKITA

Serial No.: New (Divisional Application of S.N. 10/269,060) Group Art Unit: **2818** (Expected)

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Examiner: **NGUYEN, Thinh T.** (Expected)

For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

Attorney Docket No.: **021276A**

Customer Number: **38834**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 30, 2004

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.